

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/05/2010 has been entered.

Claims 1, 3-4 and 6-30 are pending.

Claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 11, 22 and 25 are independent claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on 03/05/2010 has been considered and entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-26 and 28-30 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The examiner's statement of reasons for allowance was previously set forth in the Allowance dated 01/06/2010 and has not changed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Blackwell whose telephone number is (571)272-4089. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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